

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Claim 5 stands rejected for indefiniteness. Claims 1,3,5,6 stand rejected for anticipation v. Spear. Claims 2,4,7-9 stand as allowable but objected to for depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 1,3,5,6 are canceled. Claims 2,4,7-9 are currently amended to no longer depend from a rejected base by incorporating all the elements and limitations of the rejected base claim. Reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

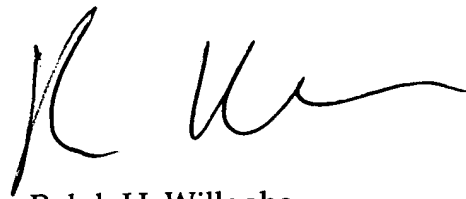
Applicant believes that this amendment corrects all instances in which the Examiner rejected or objected, and that the amendment places all remaining claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for issue. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 358-0489.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Willgohe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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